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SUBJECT: KPIC SEMINAR

1. ON AUGUST 13 DURING HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE KOREA PRESS RESEARCH INSTITUTE SEMINAR DEALING WITH PRC POLICIES TOWARD ASIA, PROFESSOR ROBERT SCALAPINO ENDED EXTEMPORE SUMMARY OF HIS FORMAL PAPER WITH FOLLOWING: "...THIS MEANS THAT CHINA WILL BE A PROBLEM TO SMALL COUNTRIES ON HER PERIMETERS. AND THEY AND THEIR INTERESTS WILL PROBABLY BEST BE SERVED (IF THEY PURSUE) INTERNAL POLICIES THAT PRESERVE THE SUPPORT AND LOYALTY OF THE PEOPLE TOWARD THEIR GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE INTERNAL SUPPORT FOR LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO BE A CRITICAL ELEMENT IN STABILITY AND POWER. THOSE GOVERNMENTS THAT LOSE THE SUPPORT OF THEIR PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE IN TROUBLE."

2. AFTER SEMINAR, WHICH JOINTLY SPONSORED BY USIS, KOREAN JOURNALIST PARTICIPANT PASSED ABOVE QUOTE TO OBERDORFER, WASHINGTON POST. HE MAY INTEND USING IN UPCOMING STORY AND WAS INTERESTED IN DEGREE OF USIS SPONSORSHIP WHICH WAS DESCRIBED FULLY TO HIM AND CAREFULLY PLACED IN CONTEXT OF PAST AND ONGOING USIS JOINT SPONSORSHIP SEMINARS WITH REPUTABLE ROK INSTITUTIONS.

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3. AUGUST 14 PRESS ACCOUNTS OF SCALAPINO OMITTED
ABOVE REMARK. ONE KOREAN PRESS SOURCE IN DISCUSSING
OMISSION WITH USIS OFFICER COMMENTED WRYLY, "WE
DIDN'T HEAR IT."

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